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1. Jewish people must return back to the land. **Isaiah 11:11-12; 66:8**
2. Great blasphemies worldwide will be spoken against God. **Rev. 13:6**
3. The world as a whole will turn and kill God’s people. **Rev. 13:7**
4. Wars, threats of wars and conflicts **Matt. 24:6-7**

Nation against nation; 1484 eqnoj ethnos *eth' -nos* AV-Gentiles 93, nation 64, heathen 5, people 2; 164 (may refer to race against race)

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Kingdom against kingdom; basileia basileia *bas-il -i' -ah*

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kingdom 6, His kingdom 6, the kingdom 5, (My) kingdom 4, misc 18; 162

1) royal power, kingship, dominion, rule

1a) not to be confused with an actual kingdom but rather the right or authority to rule over a kingdom

1b) of the royal power of Jesus as the triumphant Messiah

1c) of the royal power and dignity conferred on Christians in the Messiah's kingdom

2) a kingdom, the territory subject to the rule of a king

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5. Strife and discord within the family and church will increase. **II Tim. 3:1-7**
6. Famine, pestilence, and epidemics will spread through the world. **Matt. 24:7**
7. Russia will invade Israel. **Ezek. 38-39**
8. Libya, Ethiopia, Turkey and Iran will be allies with Russia. **Ezek. 38:5-6**
9. Homosexuality and sexual immorality will increase. **Luke 17:26-29**
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